

Middletown



Public Schools

Michael Conner, Ed.D., Superintendent of Schools

January 17, 2020

Ms. Linda Bettencourt
Town Clerk
Municipal Building
245 deKoven Drive
Middletown, CT 06457

Dear Ms. Bettencourt:

The Board of Education has scheduled a Board Retreat for **Saturday, January 25, 2020** from **8:30 AM to 2:30 PM**. The retreat will be held at the Middletown Board of Education, 311 Hunting Hill Avenue, Middletown.

The Agenda is as follows:

AGENDA

Introduction
Collaborative Governance Survey
Differentiated Retreat Achieving Equity for Students: Collaborative and Balanced Governance
FOIA Introduction and Training
Wrap Up

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Joyce Carey".

Joyce Carey
Secretary to the Board of Education

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cc: Board of Education
Michael Conner, Ed.D., Superintendent of Schools
Magda Parvey Ed. D., Chief Academic Officer
Marco Gaylord, Chief of School Operations & Grants
Christine Bourne, Chief of Administration



Agenda

Time	Description of Item	Lead(s)
8:30am- 9:00am	Coffee and Refreshments	
9:00am- 9:15pm	<p style="text-align: center;">Introduction</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome, Introductions, Purpose, and Overview of Agenda • Remarks from Mayor Ben Florsheim 	Ms. Deborah Cain Dr. Michael Conner
9:15am- 9:30am	<p style="text-align: center;">Collaborative Governance Survey</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reflection of Collaborative Governance in Middletown • Self-assessment and survey completion 	Dr. Robert Villanova
9:30am- 10:30am	<p style="text-align: center;">Differentiated Retreat Workshop</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Retreat Workshop I: New Board of Education Members</i> Facilitated by Dr. Michael Conner</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Strategic Plan 101: Understanding Middletown 2021: Keys to Innovation and Equity Strategic Operating</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Articulating the vision – <i>Unlocking the Potential in ALL Students</i> • Framework introduction of <i>Middletown 2021</i> • <i>Middletown 2021 Monitoring System</i> – access and transparency • <i>2018 – 2019 Middletown 2021 Scorecard</i> and strategic operating plan performance measures alignment <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Retreat Workshop I: Returning Board of Education Members</i> Facilitated by Dr. Robert Villanova</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Collaborative Governance 2.0</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Redefining collaborative governance • Reflection and implementation of next level implementation • Board of Education and Superintendent relationship in a collaborative governance environment • 2019 – 2020 collaborative governance goal discussion 	Dr. Michael Conner Dr. Robert Villanova

<p>10:35am- 10:45am</p>	<p>Break</p>	
<p>10:45am- 11:45am</p>	<p>Differentiated Retreat Workshops</p> <p><i>Retreat Workshop II: Returning Board of Education Members</i> Facilitated by Dr. Michael Conner <i>Collaborative Governance and Middletown 2021: Keys to Innovation and Equity Strategic Operating Plan</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Progress of goals and strategies in <i>Middletown 2021: Keys to Innovation and Equity Strategic Operating Plan</i> • Defining strategies from the <i>Eight Characteristics of Effective School Boards</i> to strengthen and articulate the work in alignment with <i>Middletown 2021</i> theory of action • Gallery Walk Activity – Grounding Collaborative Governance strategies for greater transparency and civic capacity of <i>Middletown 2021: Keys to Innovation and Equity Strategic Operating Plan</i> <p><i>Retreat Workshop II: New Board of Education Members</i> Facilitated by Dr. Robert Villanova <i>What is Collaborative Governance in Action</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Refining and reflecting Collaborative Governance in Middletown Public Schools • What is the role of a board of education member in a collaborative governance structure? • <i>Eight Characteristics of Effective School Boards</i> – assessment and collective/personal growth to meet goals 	<p>Dr. Robert Villanova Dr. Michael Conner</p>
<p>11:45am- 12:50pm</p>	<p>Working Lunch</p> <p><i>Achieving Equity for Students: Collaborative and Balanced Governance</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion of Collaborative Governance survey • Defining <i>Equity</i> through a policy lens • What is Balanced Governance? • Defining an interface of <i>Equity</i> and Collaborative/Balanced Governance in Middletown Public Schools 	<p>Dr. Robert Villanova</p>
<p>12:50pm- 2:15pm</p>	<p>FOIA Introduction and Training</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FOIA introduction and review • Review of Robert Rules • Social media practices and practical strategies for elected board officials 	<p>Ms. Leander Dolphin</p>
<p>2:15pm</p>	<p>Wrap-Up</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Next Steps 	<p>Ms. Deborah Cain</p>